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1. REFTTEL WAS RECEIVED JUST PRIOR MEETING WITH GENERAL YOGA, CHIEF OF BAKIN AND IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON INDONESIAN TACTICS IN DEALING WITH TIMOR.
2. IN COURSE CONVERSATION DEALING WITH OTHER SUBJECTS INCLUDING PORTUGUESE PRISONERS (SEPTTEL), I ASKED WHETHER INDONESIA HAD GIVEN THOUGHT TO TAKING INITIATIVE IN SECURITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF GUICCIARDI REPORT.
3. GENERAL YOGA SAID HE HAD NOT YET SEEN GUICCIARDI REPORT. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE WAS "FED UP" WITH UNITED NATIONS AND DIDN'T "GIVE A DAMN" WHAT THEY DID. THEY HAD REFUSED TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE RECENTLY FROM TIMOR AND TOOK EVERYTHING THAT HORTA SAID AT FACE VALUE. HE REFERRED TO CONTENTIOUS LETTER HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR SALIM, TANZANIAN PERMREP IN NEW YORK.
4. AFTER FURTHER CONVERSATION HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WORLD OPINION WAS STILL IMPORTANT. DELEGATION OF PGET IS DEPARTING INDONESIA THIS WEEK FOR NEW YORK AND HAS INFORMED GOI THAT THEY WILL INVITE GUICCIARDI AND COMMITTEE

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OF 24 TO VISIT EAST TIMOR. YOGA WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT,

HOWEVER, ON POSSIBILITY OF INDONESIA TAKING INITIATIVE
IN PROPOSED UNSC RESOLUTION.

5. I PLAN EARLY CALL IN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF FOREIGN
DEPARTMENT TO RAISE SAME QUESTION. WHILE APPRECIATING
DEPARTMENT'S REASONS FOR SUGGESTING INDONESIAN INITIATIVE,
I WONDER WHETHER THEY WOULD NOT BE BETTER ADVISED TO HAVE
PGET EXTEND INVITATION AS SUGGESTED RATHER THAN AT THIS
POINT GET INTO BRUISING DEBATE ON UNSC RESOLUTION.
QUESTION MAY INEVITABLY ARISE AS I PURSUE THIS SUGGESTION
OF DEGREE TO WHICH U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT
INDONESIAN INITIATIVE. I WOULD ASSUME WE ARE IN NO
POSITION TO MAKE COMMITMENT AT THIS STAGE.
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